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ELECTION/REMARKS

In the Election Requirement, the following two species were identified, and election therebetween required:

Species A: Figure 3 – multiple fire jaw assembly;

Species B: Figure 6 – single fire jaw assembly.

In response to the Election Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the species identified by the Examiner as Species B, relating to Figure 6. Claims 10-18 and 24-28 read on the elected subject matter. This election is made without traverse. However, it is noted that various aspects of the elected species are illustrated at least in Figures 5 and 7 in addition to Figure 6. (See, page 5, lines 3-8; page 7, lines 9-13; page 8, line 18). Accordingly, this election relates to the subject matter of Figure 6, which may include certain aspects illustrated and described at least with respect to Figures 5 and 7.

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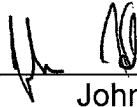
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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney might expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below

Sincerely,

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